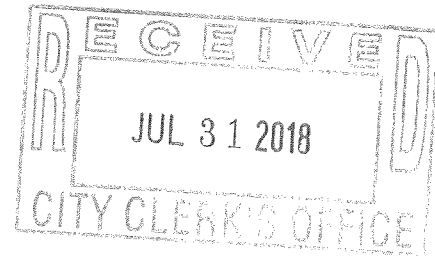




# CITY OF FORT PIERCE

100 NORTH US HWY 1  
FORT PIERCE, FLORIDA 34950  
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## APPLICATION FOR APPOINTMENT/REAPPOINTMENT

Name of Board or Boards for which you are applying: Police Advisory Board

Name: <u>Jan Zahrlly (Janice Honen Zahrlly)</u>	Phone: <u>772/882-4826</u>
Home Address: <u>1011-D Pheasant Run Drive</u> City/Zip Code: <u>Ft. Pierce, FL 34982</u>	How long at this address? <u>since 2012 - 6 years</u>
Are you a citizen of the United States? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
Occupation: <u>Retired - University Research Professor</u>	
Do you own a business that operates within the City of Fort Pierce? If yes, list the address and nature of said business:	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Do you now or in the future plan to do business with the City of Fort Pierce? If yes, in what capacity?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Are you employed by a business that is located within the City of Fort Pierce? If yes, state the business and location:	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Do you have special training or knowledge in the area of: Architecture: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No    Engineering: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No    Real Estate Brokering: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No Contracting: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No    Land Development: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No    Other: Describe your education, background, training and knowledge - (feel free to attach a resume):  <u>Please see attached</u>	
Are you currently a member of a Commission-appointed board/committee? If yes, please specify:	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Have you ever been convicted of a felony? If yes, what was the nature of the crime(s) you were convicted of:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <u>oops, I was not paying attention</u>
Referred by: <u>self</u>	Applicant Email Address: <u>peacejan21943@gmail.com</u>
Date: <u>7/30/2018</u>	Applicant's Signature: <u>Jan Zahrlly</u>

APPLICATIONS EXPIRE 6 MONTHS FROM THE DATE OF SUBMISSION. PLEASE REAPPLY AS OFTEN AS DESIRED.  
Please return form to: City Clerk's Office - 100 North US Hwy 1, Fort Pierce, Florida 34950  
fax (772) 467-3841 or via email at lcox@city-ftpierce.com

GENERAL INFORMATION

Application for appointment to Police Advisory Board

July, 2018

Jan Zahrly

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772/882-4826

I grew up in Fort Pierce and graduated from Dan McCarty High School in 1961. I left for the University of Florida in Gainesville and never returned except for visits until I bought a condominium in High Point (55+community) in the south part of town.

My college education is as follows:

1964	BA, University of Florida	major - language arts
1980	MBA, University of Central Florida	emphasis – management
1984	Ph.D., University of Florida	organizational systems

I have tutored elementary, high school and college students. I have taught in junior and high school. I have taught in community college. After I received my Ph.D. I was employed as a research professor at Wayne State University in Detroit, MI; at Old Dominion University in Norfolk, VA; at The University of North Dakota in Grand Forks, ND.

I held a real estate salesperson's license in Florida for several years, then took the exam to become a broker. During that time, Florida Institute of Technology in Melbourne, FL asked me to teach the basic real estate course, required in order to sit for the real estate license. I did that for several years. I also managed a condominium complex, sales and daily management in Orlando, FL.

I left real estate to work full time for Jerry Ford's presidential election campaign in early 1976 during the primaries. I was a regional campaign manager and did what I had to do to organize, mobilize, inform, educate, train, run campaign offices in the Southeast United States. I learned that I did not have to have a job where I went to the same office every day.

I did not remain with the campaign through the general election because I had been accepted by the Peace Corps. I represented the United States as a volunteer from fall, 2076 to Christmas, 2018. I served in South Korea which was then under a dictatorship. **This experience is where I learned what it is like to live as a minority, with unexpected resentment and harassment, and never know who to trust or what discrimination to expect.** I am probably the only 75-year-old white woman in Fort Pierce who truly understands how deeply racial discrimination can hurt and damage a person.

I came home from Korea, earned my MBA and Ph.D. and began working as a university research professor.

When I retired, I threw away all resumes, most of my articles, all the things I did not expect to use again. I have written out the things I remember about my activities in various communities.

## WHAT I COULD BRING TO THIS BOARD

As lovely as Fort Pierce is, we have problems. Our tax base is not large enough to bring in all the funds the city needs. Secondly, there seems to be a general epidemic of illegal drug abuse throughout the country, but I have no first-hand knowledge of this. Thirdly, Fort Pierce has a great problem with race relations. In the 1950s and 1960s, white people did not view it as a problem. White folks had the money and made the rules. Today, we have so much mistrust between the races and Fort Pierce has no formal activities to address this matter. This has become a matter for the police force – people do not seem to trust the police force, the new police chief does not seem to have much support from the community, at large. [I really do not know this to be true; I base these thoughts on what I read and hear in the media.] I have seen photos of the chief out playing sports with our youth but she should not have to do everything. Why not have a youth group who is interested in law enforcement? Why not have a police academy (classes) for adult citizens? Why not start focus groups including people of all colors, religions – ask the local churches to provide space for meetings in various parts of the community? Why not have a community-wide book discussion? Some of these things may have been tried. That is not my point.

My point is that I have lived with discrimination for two and a half years. People refused to rent a room to me. People refused to serve me in a café. People walked by me and spit in my food in a public cafeteria. A man ran at me and knocked me down in the snow outside the Seoul train station while I was in the line for a taxi. On a country bus when I was traveling alone, the woman behind me grabbed my hair and yanked it -hard! Some of it came out in her hand. I screamed – the bus girl quickly came to settle the issue. The old lady was laughing. She said that she did not believe my hair was real. The bus driver was yelling, threatening to stop the bus and put us all out on the side of this country road. I was ready to hit the old lady – I did not. She was uneducated and had never been close to a white person before. And she was amazed that I was out in the country, traveling alone. She was also amazed that I spoke and understood the Korean language. She never apologized. Eventually, the bus girl made one of the students near the front change seats with me. I could write out many horrible experiences but I have to say that the majority of Korean people treated me very well. They paid for my meals in cafes; they paid for my bus fare; they gave me information about the country, tourist spots, historical spots, and culture. Over all, it was a wonderful experience and I stood and cried in the airport when I was leaving to return to the USA. But I came back a changed person. Once, when I bowed my head to say a silent prayer for my breakfast, my landlady sat down with me and we talked about prayer and religion and spirituality. She was a Buddhist and believed in shamanism. At the end of the meal, I am ashamed to say that she said first, before I even thought it or said it, “We all have the same God.” Since that time, I have become friends with people of all religions, all nationalities, and colors – and I know so much more about interaction with them than I did when I left here as a 17-year-old.

VARIOUS ACTIVITIES IN THE PAST 75 YEARS

Brevard County Library Board  
Brevard County Mental Health Center Board  
Brevard County Mental Health Association President  
Melbourne Panhellenic officer, chairman of fund raising Ball  
Volunteer on Crisis Line, Brevard County  
Leadership Orlando – course by the Orlando Chamber of Commerce  
Alachua County Mental Health Association President  
Volunteer at Fifth Street Presbyterian Church, Detroit MI – food server for homeless  
Volunteer, Birmingham, MI First Presbyterian Church– Christmas youth program, finance  
Board of the regional AIDS service organization, Executive Committee, Norfolk, VA  
Board of the Grand Forks Homes corporation, ND (a nonprofit organization of eight churches  
which built, purchased and maintained about 300 low rent, subsidized homes or  
apartments)  
Volunteer for Domestic Abuse Shelter in Grand Forks County, ND – primarily fundraising  
Volunteer with refugee assistant organization (Lutheran Social Services) in Grand Forks, ND  
County library volunteer, technical services, in Fort Pierce, FL, Kilmer library  
Organized several (5 -6) book club discussion groups, including one at my living area now, High  
Point, Fort Pierce  
Many public seminars -some paid, some free – on all sorts of management, social services,  
volunteerism, mental health topics.  
Many professional publications  
Many professional research presentations  
Research awards, publication awards, a special award from students in North Dakota for all of  
my service to help students

I have not applied to be on any board for the city or county before. This issue touches my heart.

I have won awards for my research, for teaching, for service to students, for service to community, for volunteerism. Do they really matter now? I don't think so. I think what matters is how I live my daily life, if I work to protect and help the downtrodden, i.e. those who do not have the benefits I have had such as a stable family life, good education, opportunities to travel, etc. I will call out any person who is a public officer or employee who is not performing his/her duty. I seek to help those who need understanding, sympathy, a hand up. To those who are giving much, much is expected. Albert Schweitzer once said, "Do something wonderful. People may imitate it."